

**Law of Adulter a lion in Fertilizers**

† 3813. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are considering any proposal to formulate a suitable law in order to take exemplary action against those in private sector who adulterate fertilizers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be introduced in Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 has been notified under section 3 of the Essential Commodity Act, 1955. The Order prohibits manufacture/import/sale and distribution of fertilizers which do not conform to the standards & specifications laid down in it. The order does not differentiate between private and public sector. Any person/ organisation found trading in non-standard fertilizers is liable to be proceeded against as per the provision of Essential Commodities Act, 1955/Fertilizer (Control) Order, 1985 for administrative & punitive measures which are very stringent. In view of this, there is no proposal for formulation of any new legislation to check the quality of fertilizers exclusively for private sector.

**Sale of tents received for Gujarat earthquake victims**

3814. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that the tents received from foreign countries as a part of relief for Gujarat earthquake victims are being openly sold in the market at a high price;
- (b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into their finding way in the market for sale and to identify the persons involved in the racket;
- (c) if so, what are the details thereof; and
- (d) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

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